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Please stop the forced molting of hens used in egg production. It is cruel to the birds and increases the spread of Salmonella enteritidis infection. Please grant the petition, filed under docket #98P-0203/CP, that would eliminate the practice.

Sincerely

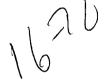
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